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SUBJECT: OLYMPIC AIRWAYS STRIKE - BOEING INVOLVEMENT

REF: (A) ATHENS 2817 AND PREVIOUS, (B) STATE 69233,
(C) RATIGAN-GRANT TELCON 4/6

1. ALPA PRESIDENT O'DONNELL TELEPHONED DEPTOFF (EUR/SE)
APRIL 6 TO SAY HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ATHENS COURT HAD DE-
CLARED GREEK PILOTS' STRIKE AGAINST OLYMPIC AIRWAYS
ILLEGAL, AND THAT OLYMPIC HAD THEREUPON CALLED ITS PILOTS
BACK TO WORK.

2. O'DONNELL SAID HE HAD "HEARD" (BUT DID NOT INDICATE
SOURCE) THAT BOEING WAS CONSIDERING AUTHORIZING ITS
THIRTEEN PILOTS TO RETURN TO WORK TO HONOR CONTRACT
OBLIGATIONS TO OLYMPIC. IF BOEING PILOTS RETURNED, INTER-
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NATIONAL AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION WAS CONSIDERING
INSTRUCTING ITS PILOT MEMBERS TO REFUSE TO FLY INTO
ATHENS. TWA PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO O'DONNELL, HAD CON-
TACTED BOEING PRESIDENT TO INDICATE CONCERN THAT SUCH
IALPA ACTION COULD SHUT DOWN TWA TRAFFIC TO ATHENS, THUS
SEVERELY DISRUPTING TWA SCHEDULING.

3. O'DONNELL SAID IF BOEING PILOTS RETURNED TO WORK,

ALPA WOULD ISSUE STRONG STATEMENT DENOUNCING USE OF BOEING PILOTS AS STRIKEBREAKERS. HE REQUESTED DEPT TO WEIGH IN WITH BOEING TO DISCOURAGE WHAT O'DONNELL CHARACTERIZED AS "INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GREECE."

4. O'DONNELL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 OF OVER 300 GREEK PILOTS OPPOSED STRIKE AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO HONOR CALL TO RETURN TO WORK.

5. DEPT INTERESTED IN OBTAINING UP-TO-DATE INFO ON STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY. IN ADDITION, DEPT PLANNING TO QUERY BOEING INFORMALLY FOR ITS VIEW OF SITUATION, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF O'DONNELL REPORT THAT BOEING PILOTS MAY BE ASKED TO RETURN TO WORK.

6. DEPT HAS INFORMED O'DONNELL THAT WE ARE LOOKING INTO MATTER AND ARE IN NO POSITION AT THIS TIME TO JUDGE MERITS OF THE SITUATION.
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